SENATE BILL 2571

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 1, relative to disabled parking.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-105, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b)

- (1) Any business, firm, or other person transacting business with the public from a permanent location shall provide specially marked parking spaces for the exclusive use of persons qualifying for the rights and privileges extended by this part.
 - (2) The number of accessible parking spaces shall be:

(3) In addition, if there are no less than four (4) parking spaces designated with the wheelchair disabled sign, then at least one (1) of such parking spaces shall be van accessible, but if more than four (4) spaces are designated as disabled parking spaces, then at least two (2) spaces per eight (8) disabled parking spaces shall be van

accessible. A van accessible parking space shall be at least nine feet (9') wide and shall have an adjacent access aisle that is at least eight feet (8') wide.

- (4) The access aisle shall be located on the passenger side of the parking space except that two (2) adjacent accessible parking spaces may share a common access aisle.
- (5) Van accessible parking spaces shall have an additional sign marked "Van Accessible Wheelchair User Only" mounted below the sign required by subsection (c). SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it, and shall only apply to parking spaces constructed after the effective date of this act.

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